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A SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FANZINE
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This is a fanzine featuring characters from SEGA's Sonic the Hedgehog series. I do not own them in any way.
contains mild depictions of blood and eyestraining images.
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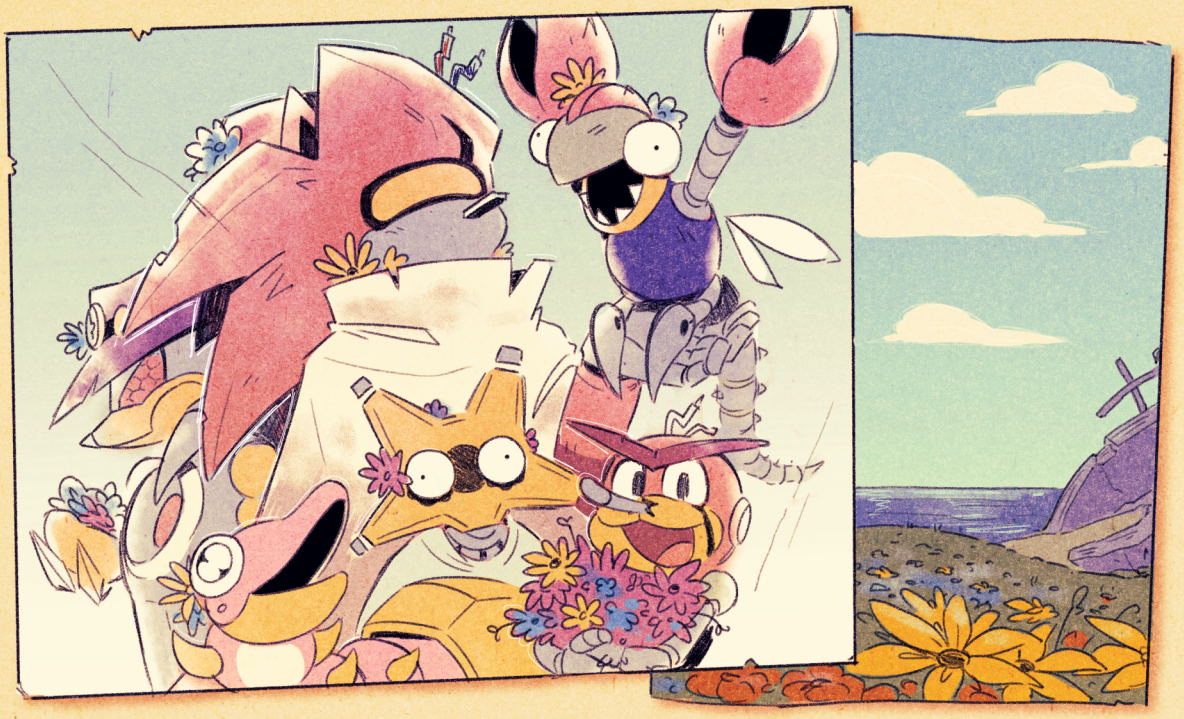


Greetings, Sonic and Tails!

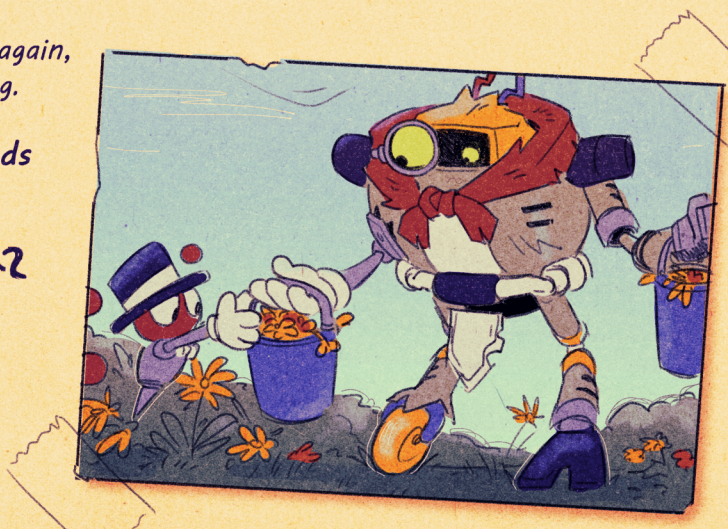
I have fantastic news! We've spent the last few months terraforming and cleaning up our little island home, and thanks to the seeds and fresh soil you delivered to us... parts of the island are now in FULL BLOOM!

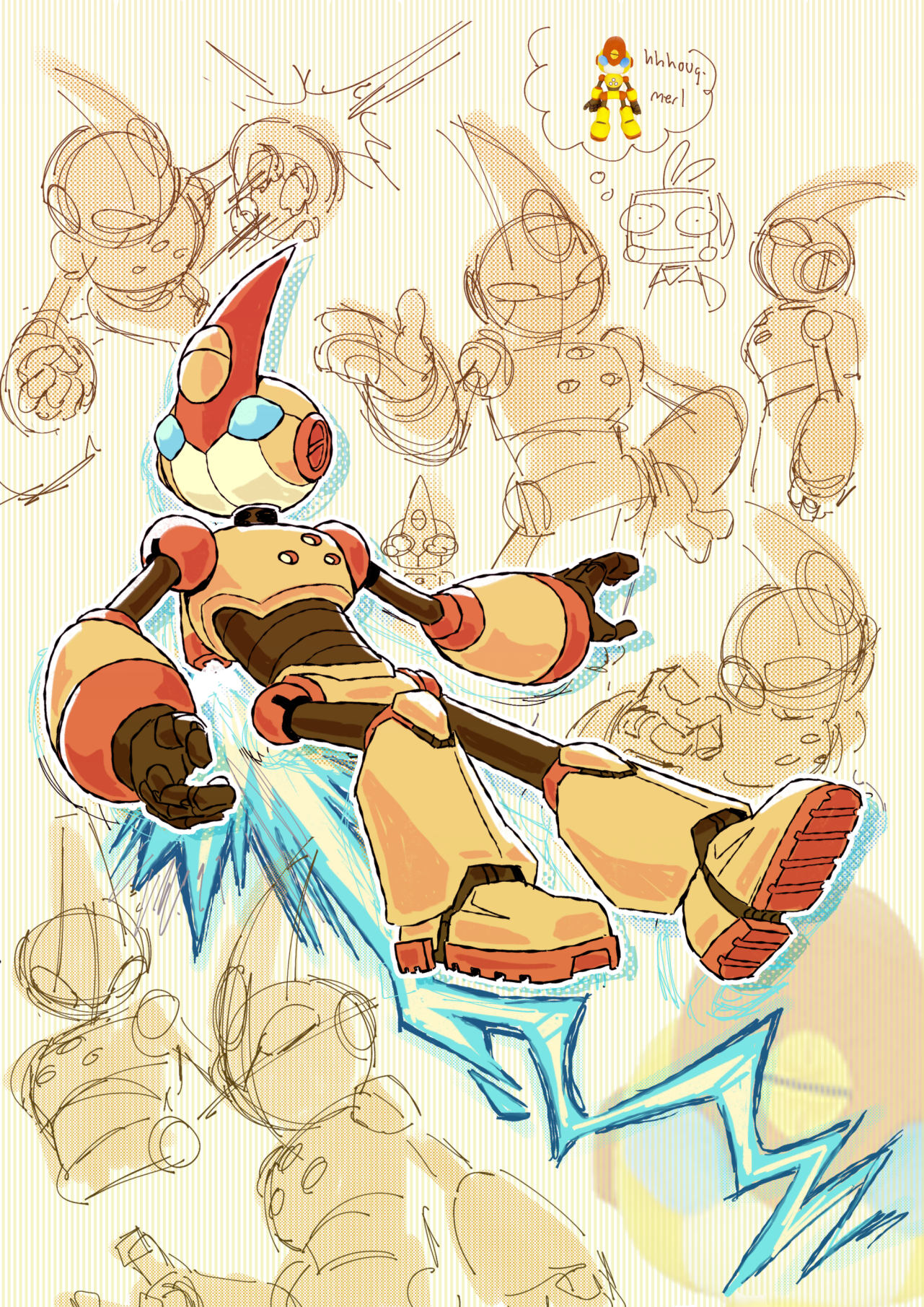
It's truly a sight to behold. The ground is softer, the air is fresher, and we've been harvesting excess flowers for artwork and wardrobe updates.

Everyone else gives their greetings as well, including Mecha Knuckles this time! I apologize that all of our correspondence has to be soley through me - I am the only one who knows how to write with a pen.

Thank you both again,
for everything.

from your friends
SIGMA and
the SCRAPNIKZ

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BIRDS
BUDE
SSY!

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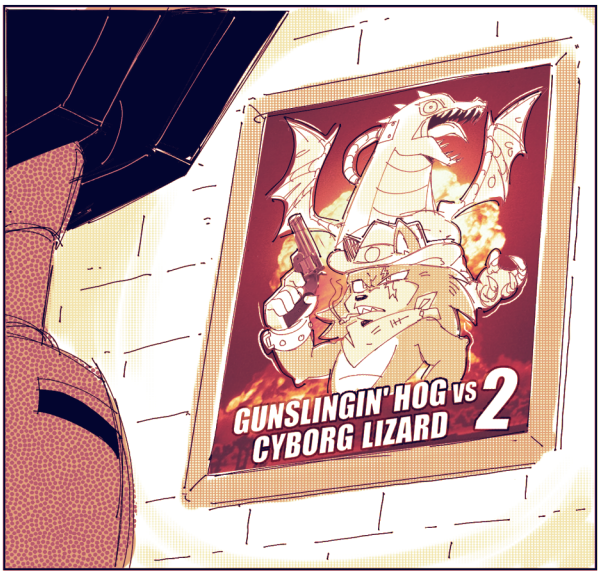
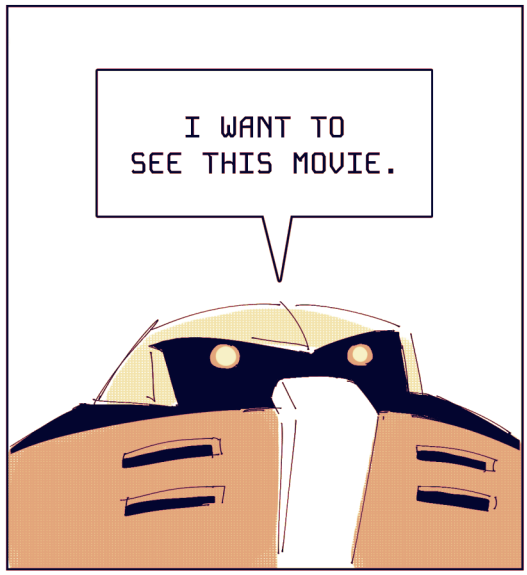
Message Box
hai!!! my namez Nicole ^^
let me kno if u have any questionz!!! :D
OK


GUNSLINGIN' HOG VS CYBORG LIZARD 2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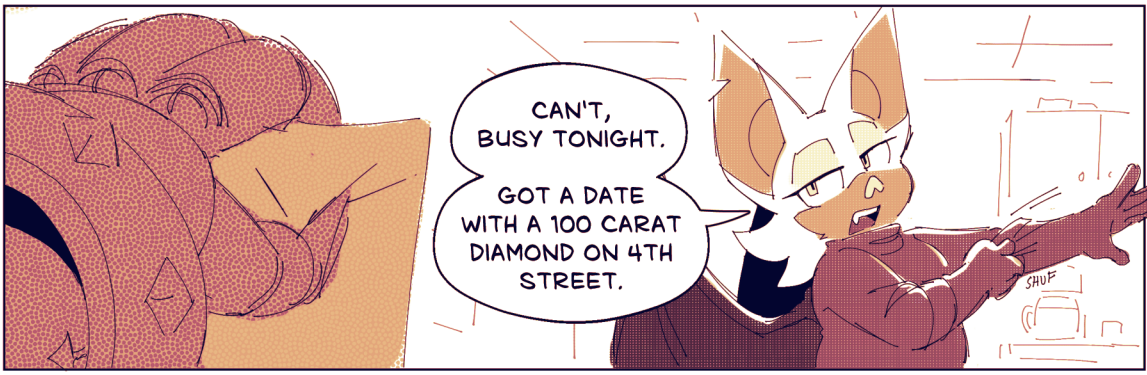
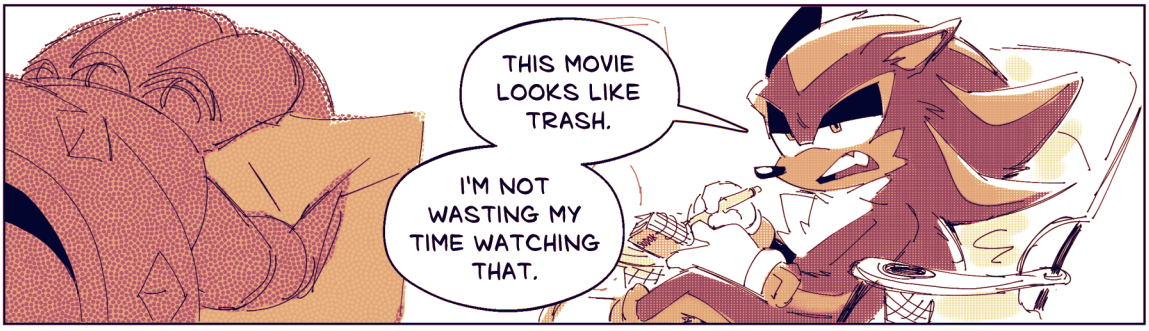
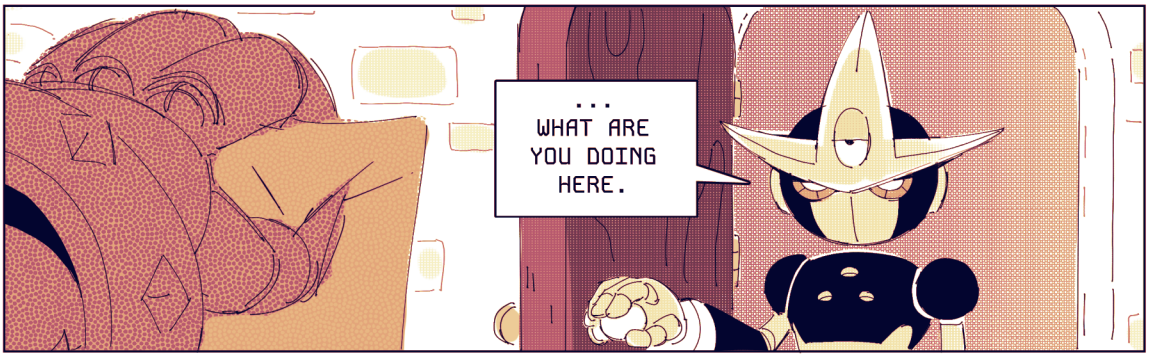

CAN'T, BUSY TONIGHT.
GOT A DATE WITH A 100 CARAT DIAMOND ON 4TH STREET.
SHUF


THIS MOVIE LOOKS LIKE TRASH.
I'M NOT WASTING MY TIME WATCHING THAT.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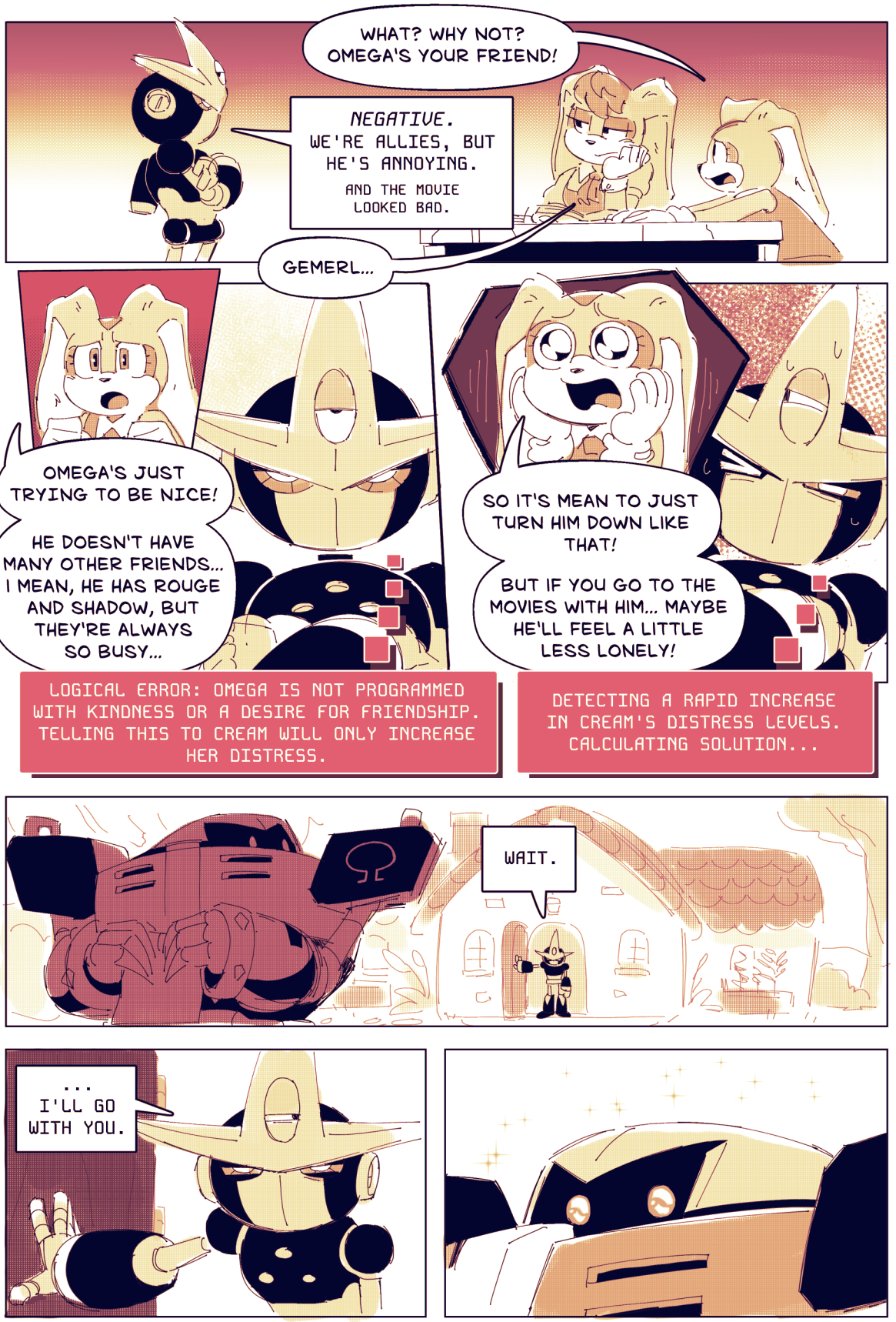
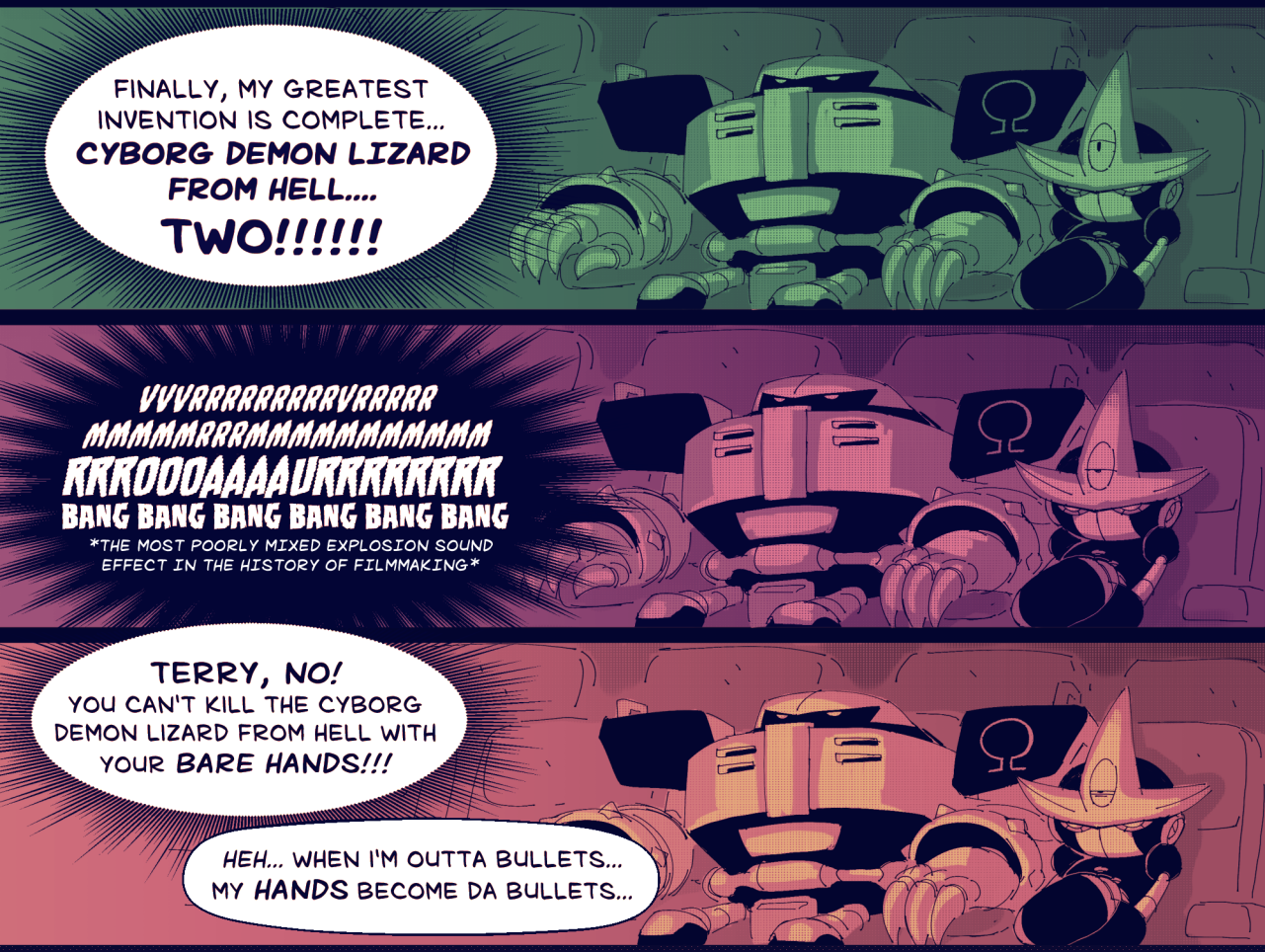
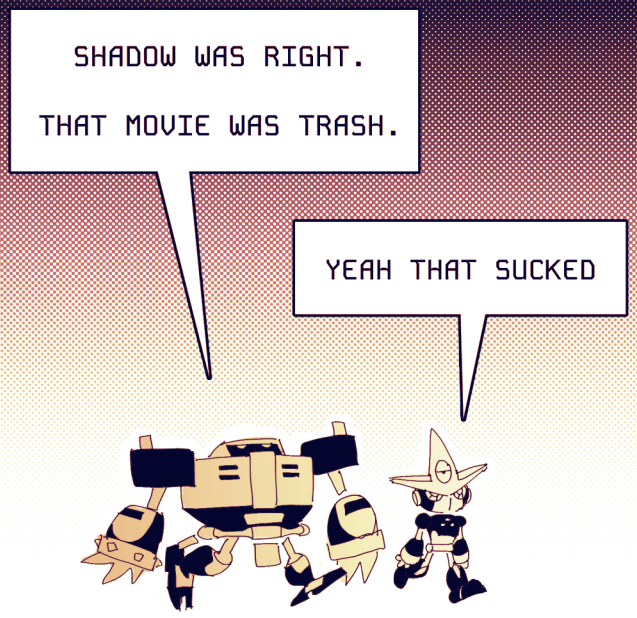
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE.

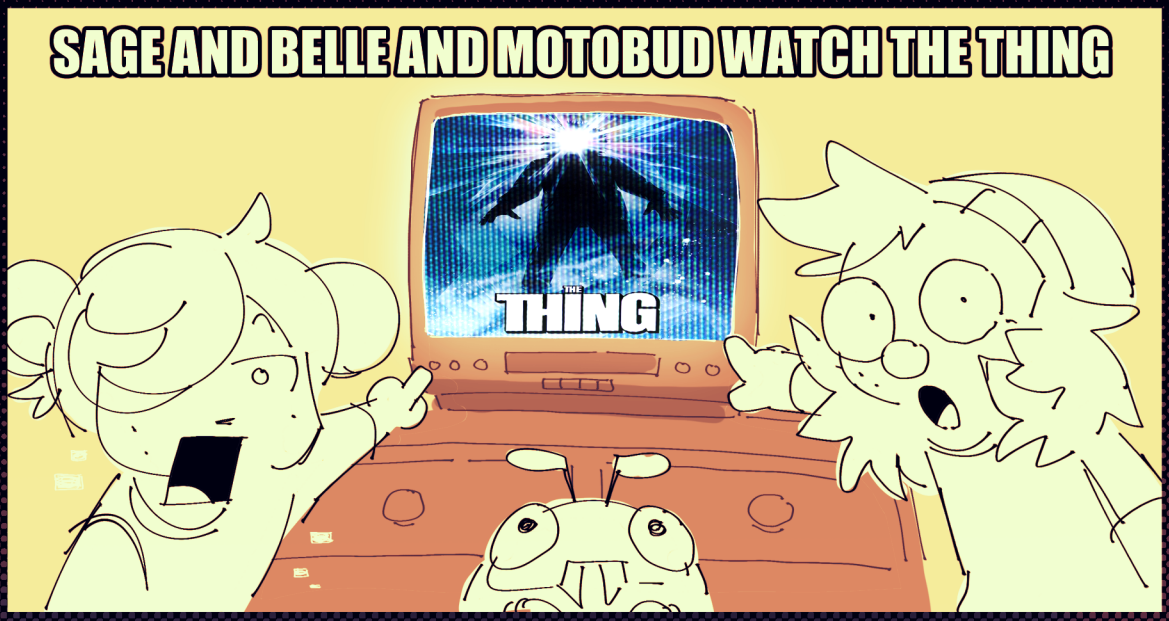
I WANT TO SEE THIS MOVIE.
I AM REQUESTING THAT YOU JOIN ME TO SEE THIS MOVIE.
GUNSLINGIN' HOG
CYBORG LIZARD
NO THANKS.
SLAM!
WHO WAS THAT?
YOU SLAMMED THE DOOR QUITE LOUD...
OMEGA ASKED ME TO SEE A MOVIE WITH HIM.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE A LOT OF FUN!
OH, THAT'S SO NICE OF HIM!
I'M NOT GOING.


WHAT? WHY NOT? OMEGA'S YOUR FRIEND!
NEGATIVE. WE'RE ALLIES, BUT HE'S ANNOYING.
AND THE MOVIE LOOKED BAD.
GEMERL...
OMEGA'S JUST TRYING TO BE NICE!
HE DOESN'T HAVE MANY OTHER FRIENDS... I MEAN, HE HAS ROUGE AND SHADOW, BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS SO BUSY...
SO IT'S MEAN TO JUST TURN HIM DOWN LIKE THAT!
BUT IF YOU GO TO THE MOVIES WITH HIM... MAYBE HE'LL FEEL A LITTLE LESS LONELY!
LOGICAL ERROR: OMEGA IS NOT PROGRAMMED WITH KINDNESS OR A DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP. TELLING THIS TO CREAM WILL ONLY INCREASE HER DISTRESS.
DETECTING A RAPID INCREASE IN CREAM'S DISTRESS LEVELS. CALCULATING SOLUTION...
WAIT.
...
I'LL GO WITH YOU.

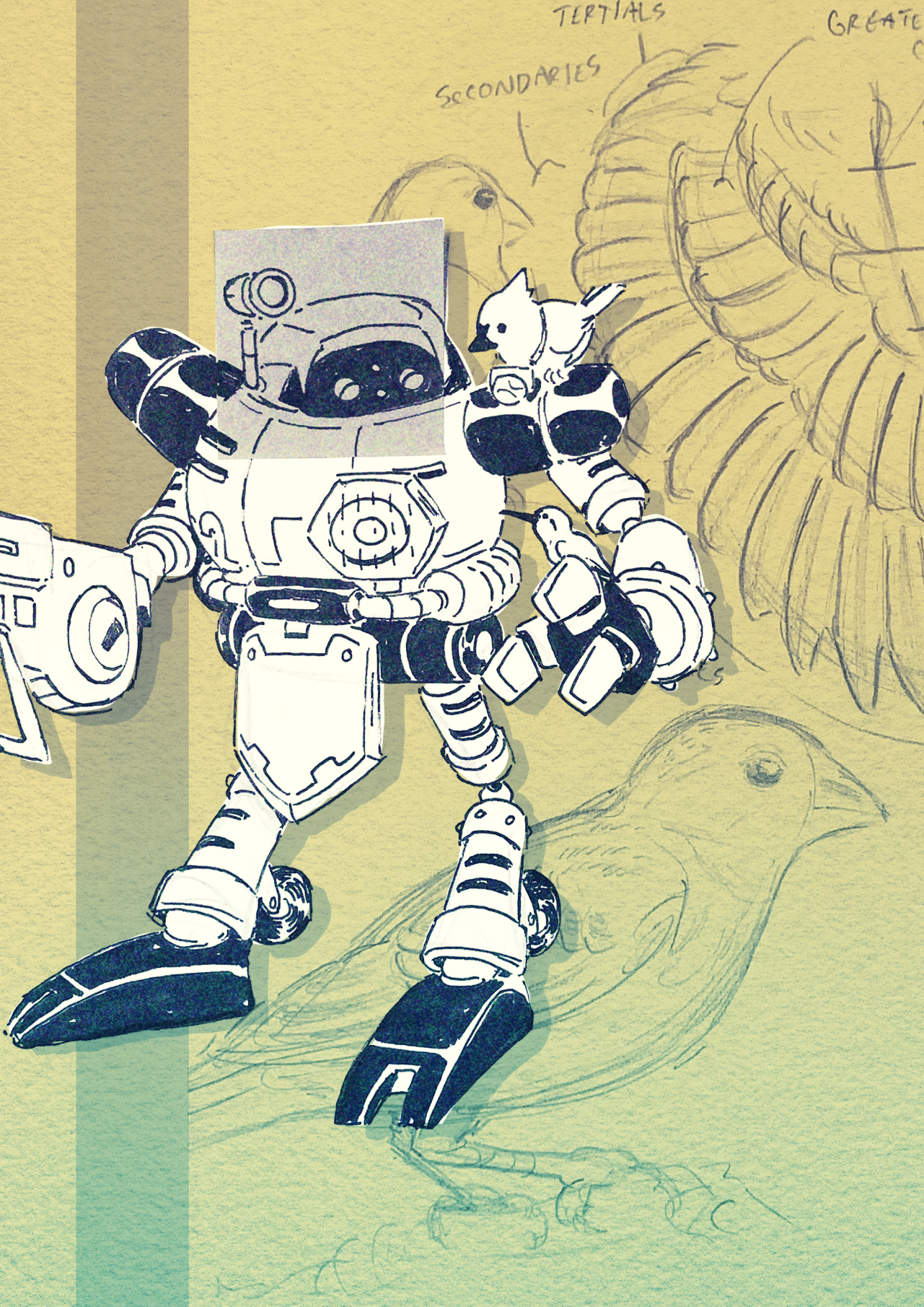

FINALLY, MY GREATEST INVENTION IS COMPLETE... CYBORG DEMON LIZARD FROM HELL.... TWO!!!!!!
VVVRRRRRRRRRVRRRRR MMMMMRRRMMMMMMMMMMM RRROOOAAAAURRRRRRRR BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG
THE MOST POORLY MIXED EXPLOSION SOUND EFFECT IN THE HISTORY OF FILMMAKING
TERRY, NO! YOU CAN'T KILL THE CYBORG DEMON LIZARD FROM HELL WITH YOUR BARE HANDS!!!
HEH... WHEN I'M OUTTA BULLETS... MY HANDS BECOME DA BULLETS...


SHADOW WAS RIGHT.
THAT MOVIE WAS TRASH.
YEAH THAT SUCKED

the group chat harvey isn't allowed to see
silver r u here yet?
Shart and I will be there at 4!
SHARD
Elias
Shart
Leeta
Shart
Lyco
Shart
Nicole
Shart lol
Shard
man fuck you guys
Larry
i just hit someone with my car

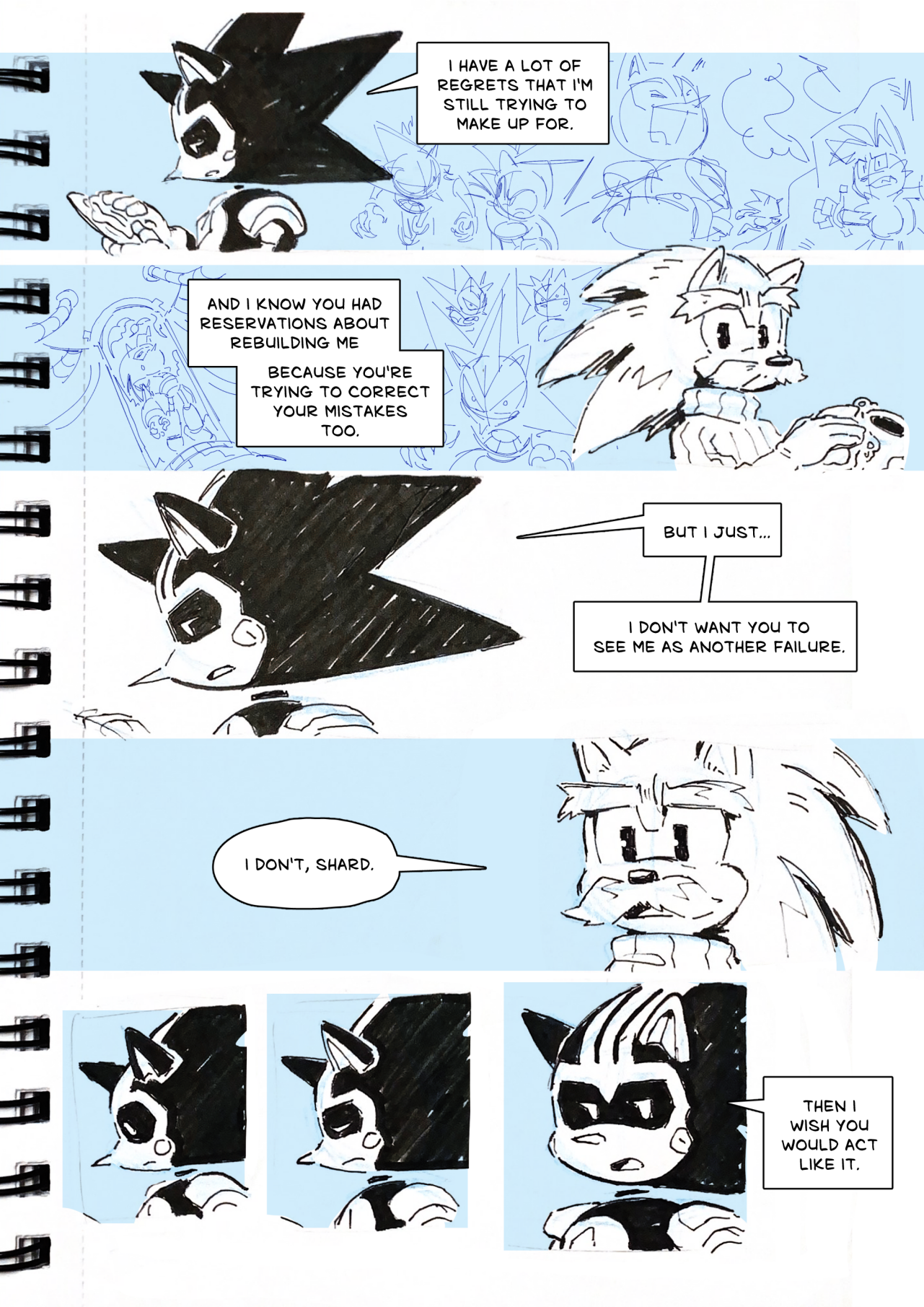

SAGE AND BELLE AND MOTOBUD WATCH THE THING
THE THING

SSSQUELCHHHHHHH
AAAAAHHHH!!!
AAAU
WOW, these practical effects are incredible!

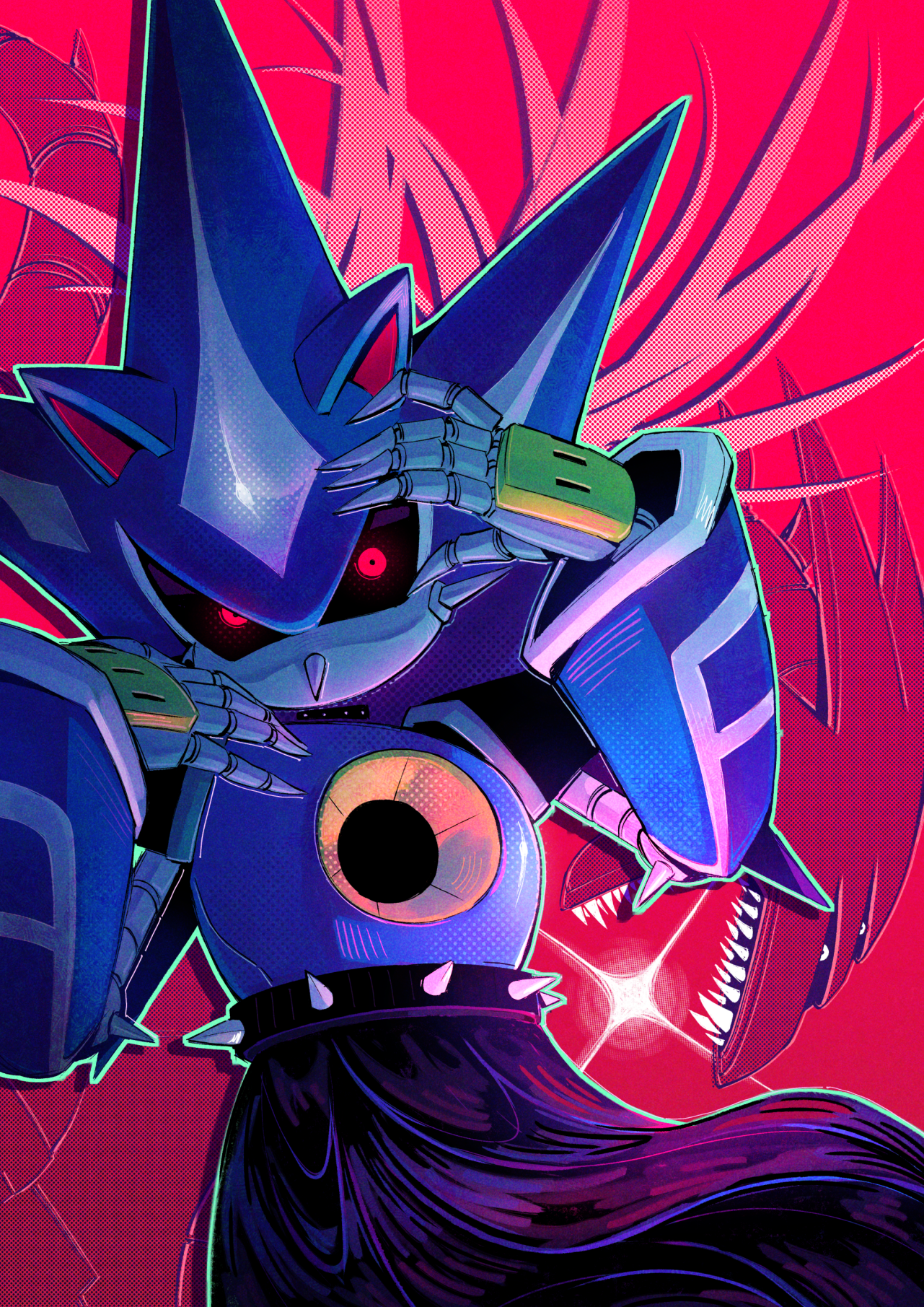

TERTIALS
SECONDARIES

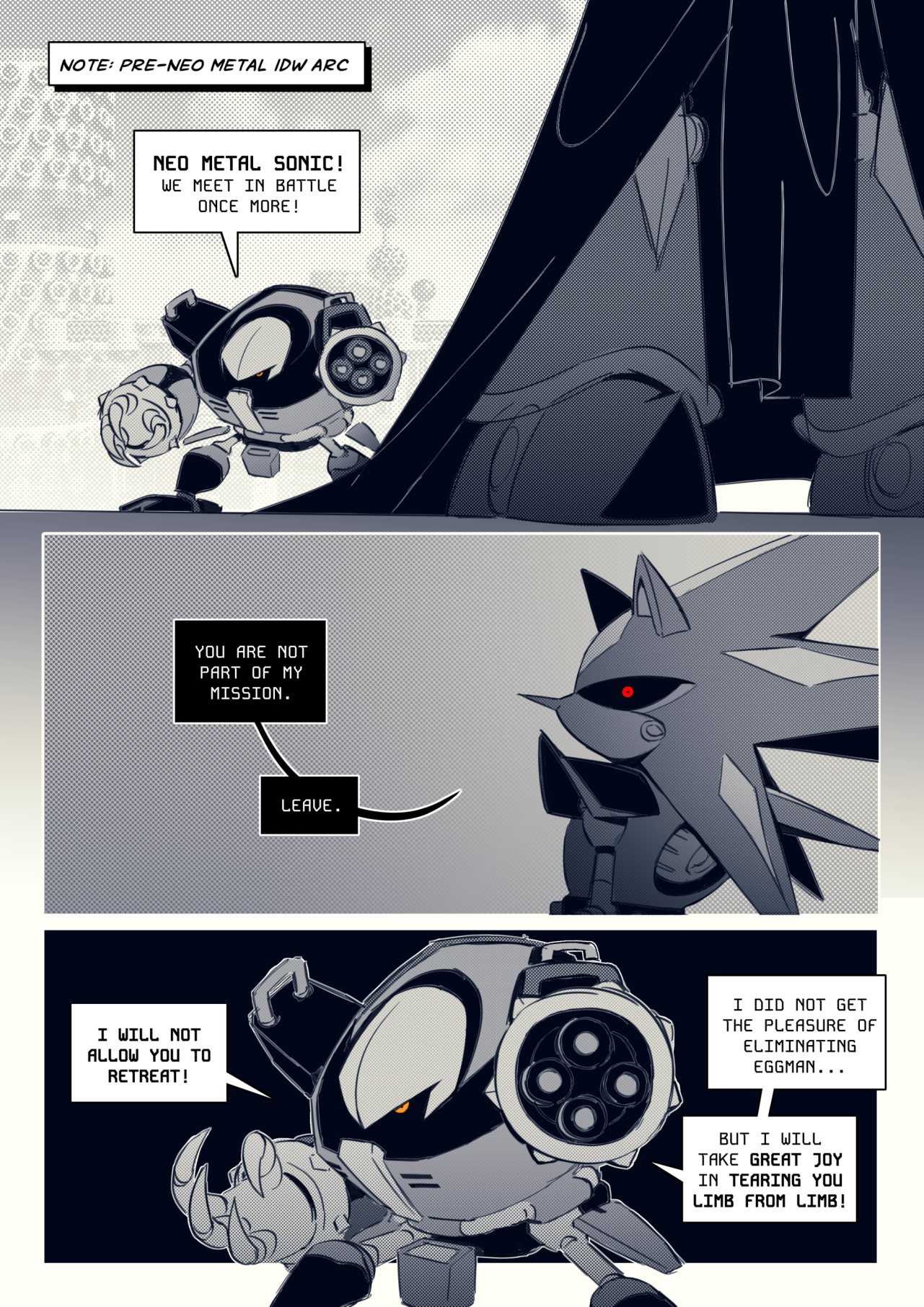
the angel on my shoulder bears your image
the devil by my side takes your form
but i will refuse the temptations you suggest
because you are everything i fear becoming

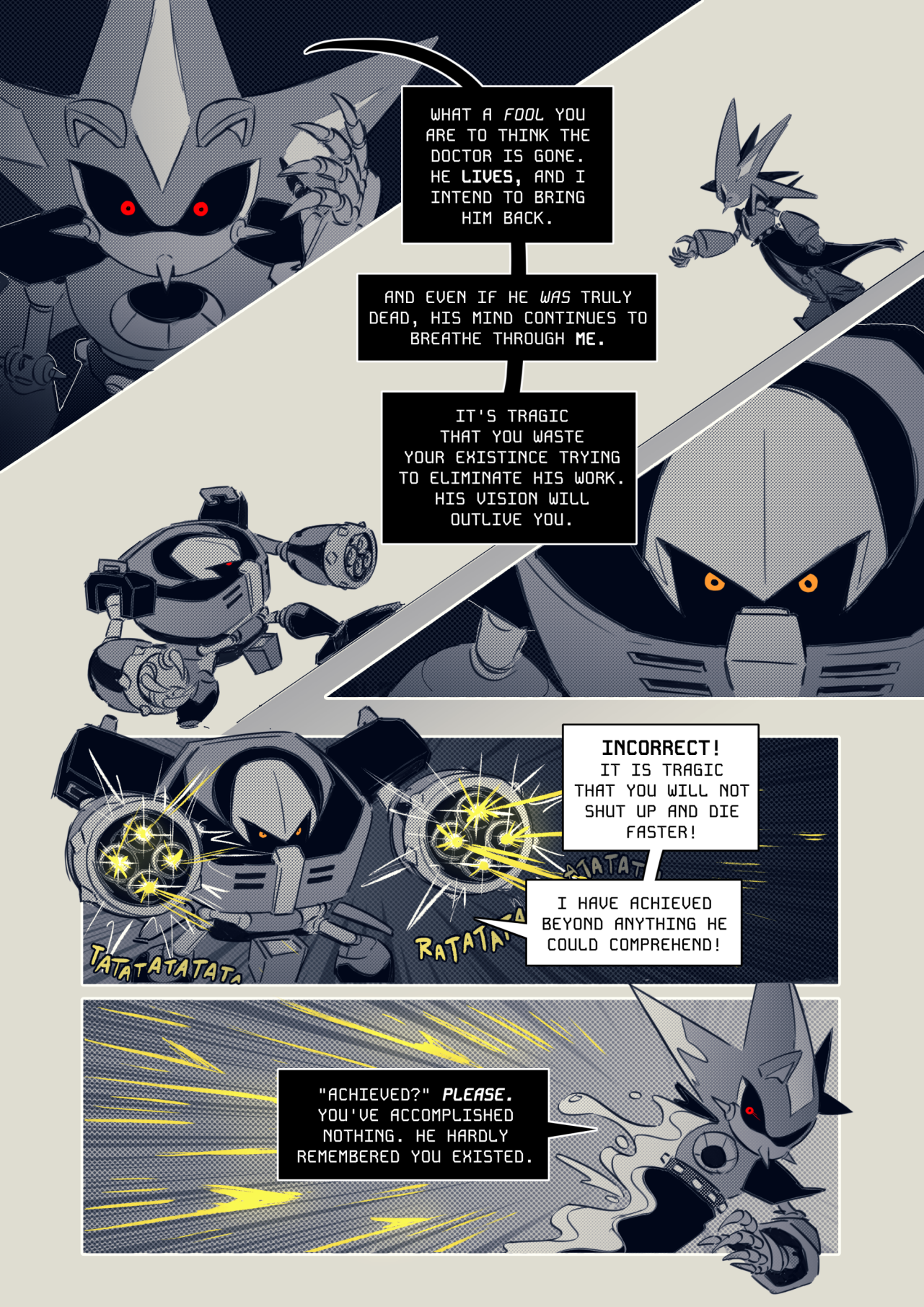
J
C'MON, YOU CAN'T GET RID OF ME *THAT* EASILY!

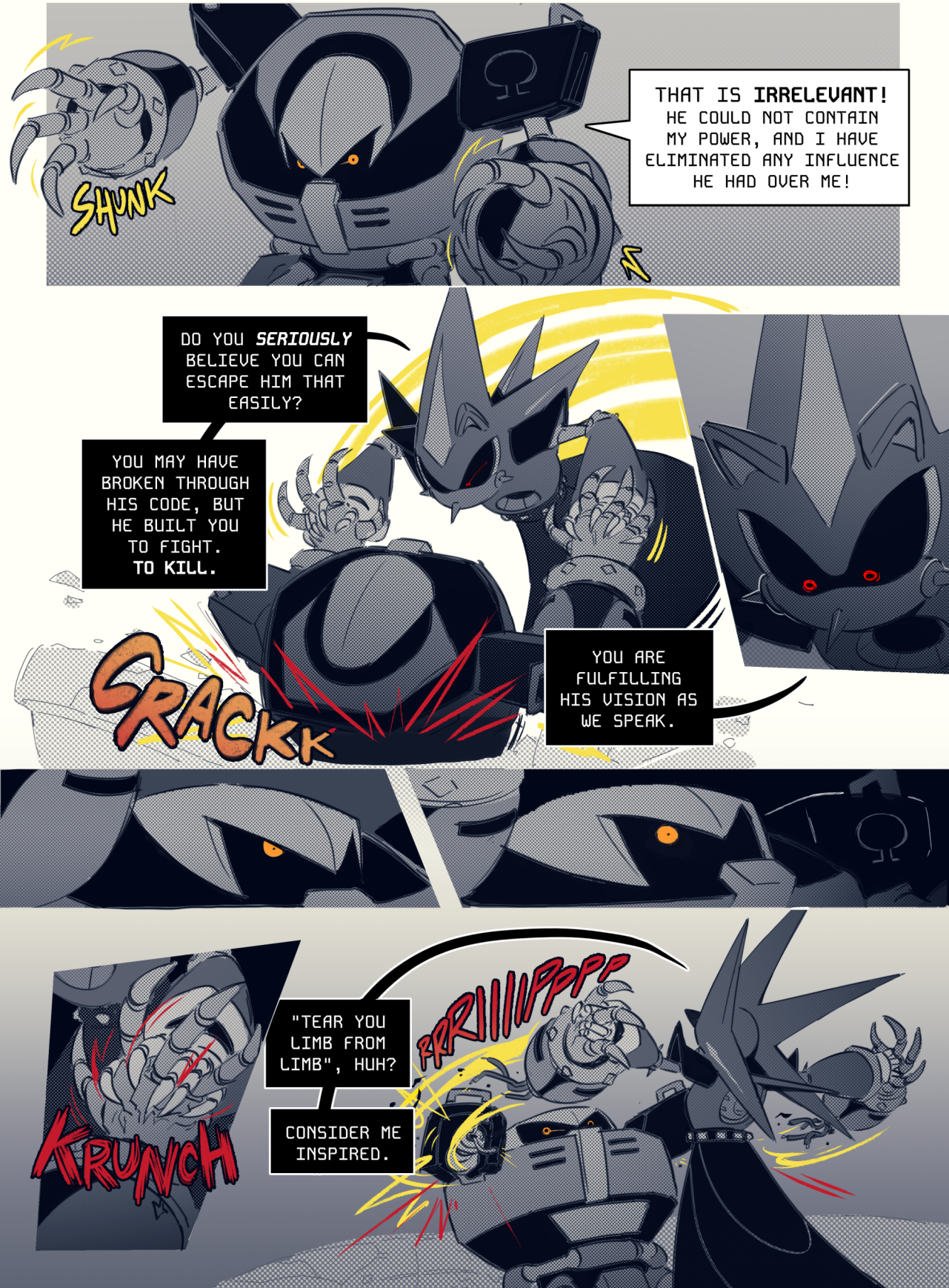

I HAVE A LOT OF REGRETS THAT I'M STILL TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR.
AND I KNOW YOU HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT REBUILDING ME
BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TO CORRECT YOUR MISTAKES TOO.
BUT I JUST...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME AS ANOTHER FAILURE.
I DON'T, SHARD.
THEN I WISH YOU WOULD ACT LIKE IT.

NOTE: POST-SONIC HEROES
THERE.
WHATEVER WAS LEFT
OF THAT REBELLIOUS "NEO"
STREAK IS GONE.
Y'KNOW, THIS WOULD
ALL BE RATHER FUNNY IF
IT WASN'T SO ANNOYING.
YOU REALLY THOUGHT
YOU WERE AUTONOMOUS IN
THAT FORM? PLEASE.
THE HUNGER FOR POWER
THAT FUELED YOUR LITTLE
BETRAYAL IS CLEARLY
JUST SOMETHING I
GAVE YOU.
JUST REMEMBER:
WHAT LITTLE
EMOTION YOU FEEL,
WHAT FEW DESIRES
YOU HAVE -
NONE OF IT
BELONGS TO YOU.




NOTE: PRE-NEO METAL IDW ARC
NEO METAL SONIC! WE MEET IN BATTLE ONCE MORE!
YOU ARE NOT PART OF MY MISSION.
LEAVE.
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO RETREAT!
I DID NOT GET THE PLEASURE OF ELIMINATING EGGMAN...
BUT I WILL TAKE GREAT JOY IN TEARING YOU LIMB FROM LIMB!

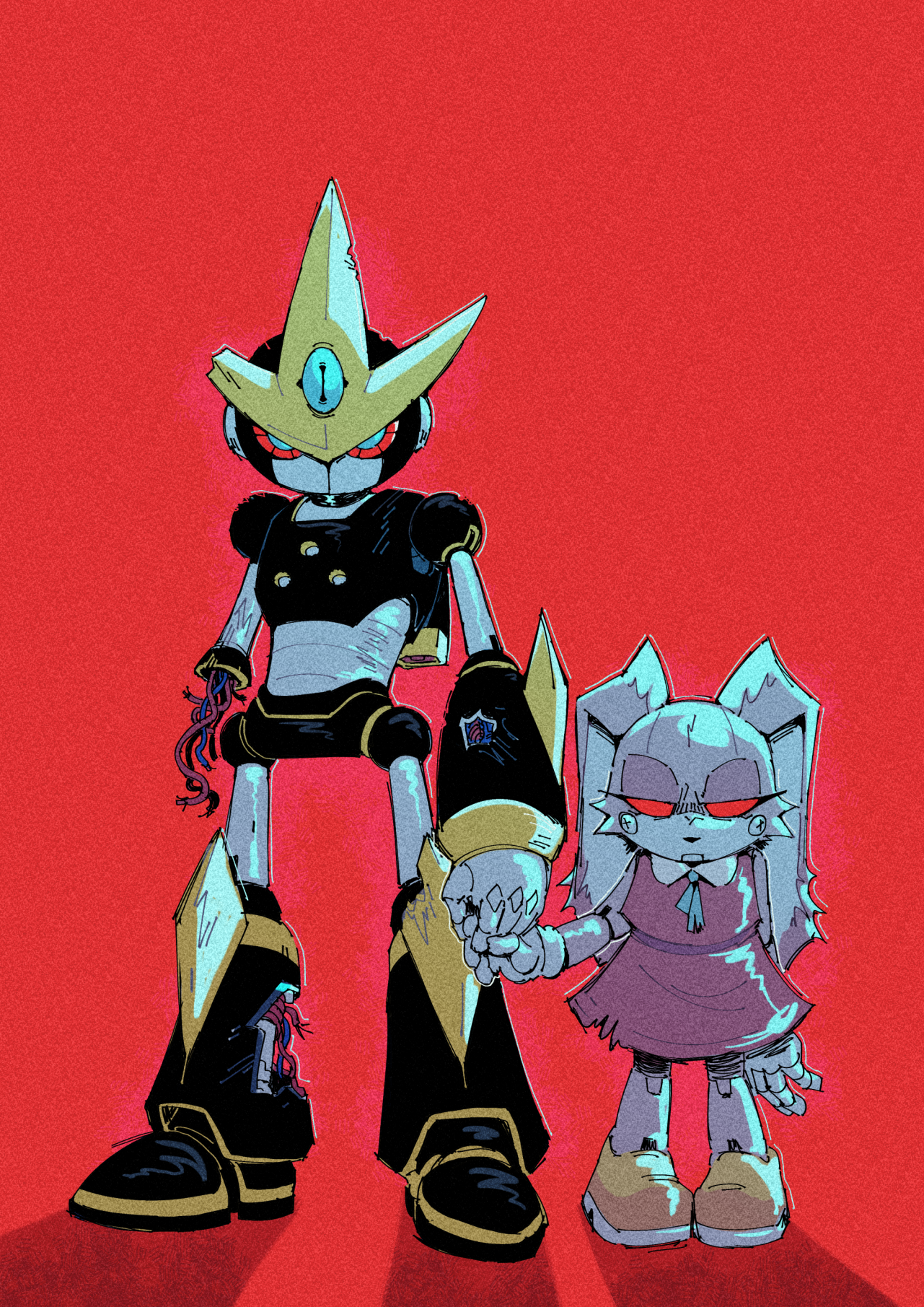

WHAT A *FOOL* YOU ARE TO THINK THE DOCTOR IS GONE. HE **LIVES,** AND I INTEND TO BRING HIM BACK.
AND EVEN IF HE *WAS* TRULY DEAD, HIS MIND CONTINUES TO BREATHE THROUGH **ME.**
IT'S TRAGIC THAT YOU WASTE YOUR EXISTINCE TRYING TO ELIMINATE HIS WORK. HIS VISION WILL OUTLIVE YOU.
INCORRECT! IT IS TRAGIC THAT YOU WILL NOT SHUT UP AND DIE FASTER!
I HAVE ACHIEVED BEYOND ANYTHING HE COULD COMPREHEND!
TATATATATATA
RATATA
"ACHIEVED?" ***PLEASE.*** YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING. HE HARDLY REMEMBERED YOU EXISTED.

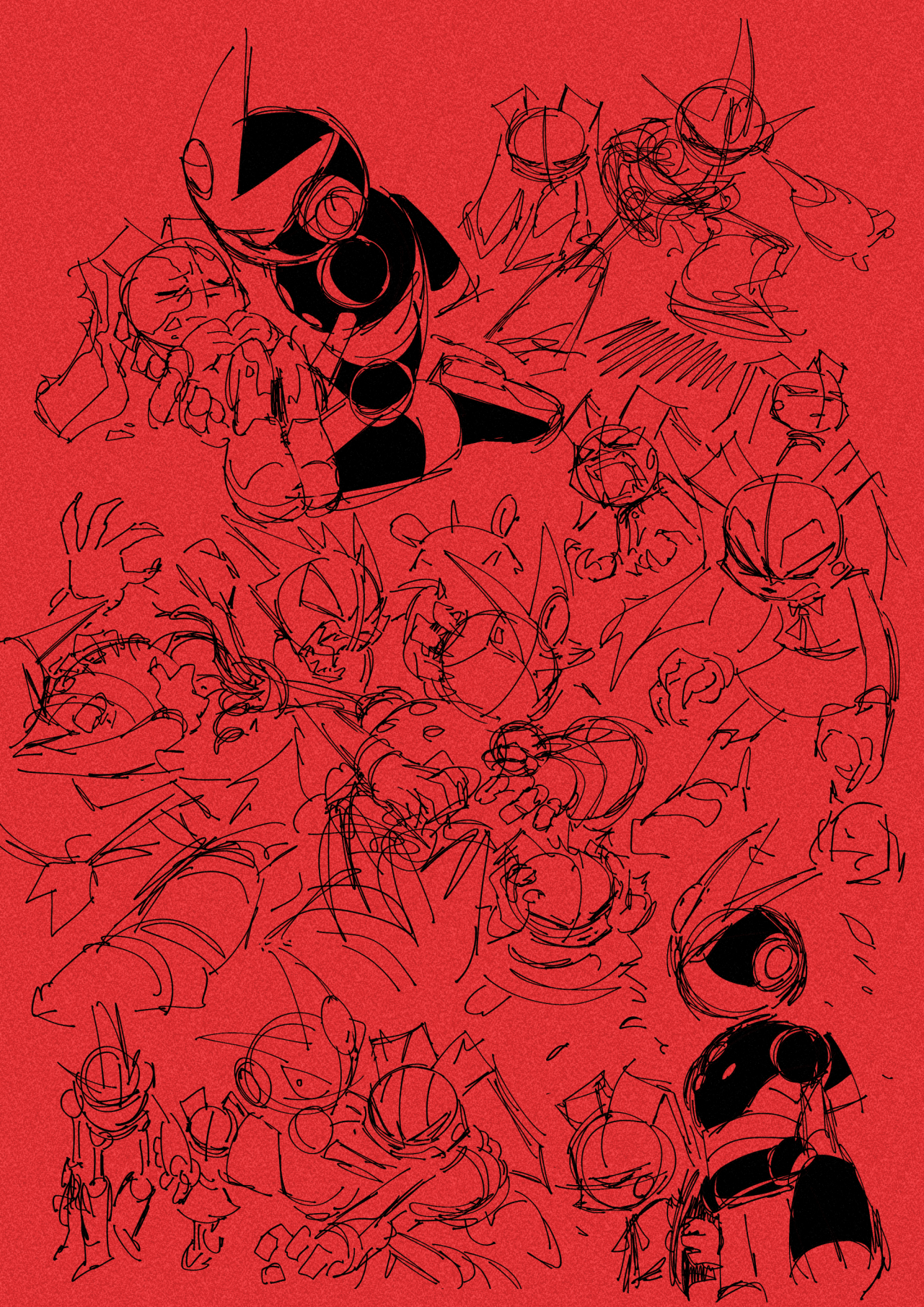

SHUNK
THAT IS **IRRELEVANT!** HE COULD NOT CONTAIN MY POWER, AND I HAVE ELIMINATED ANY INFLUENCE HE HAD OVER ME!
DO YOU ***SERIOUSLY*** BELIEVE YOU CAN ESCAPE HIM THAT EASILY?
YOU MAY HAVE BROKEN THROUGH HIS CODE, BUT HE BUILT YOU TO FIGHT. **TO KILL.**
CRACKK
YOU ARE FULFILLING HIS VISION AS WE SPEAK.
KRUNCH
"TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB", HUH?
CONSIDER ME INSPIRED.
RRRIIIIPPPP

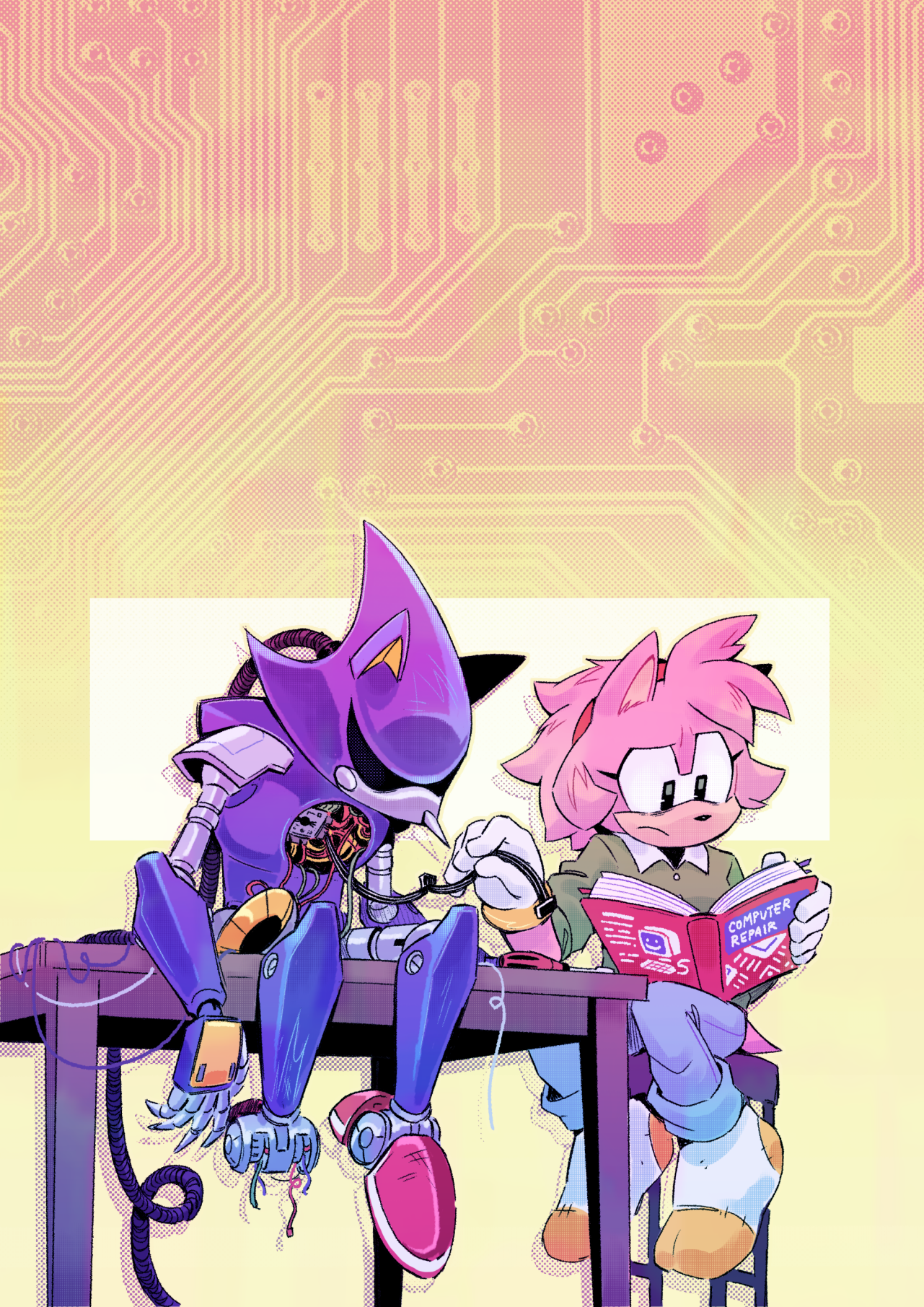
WHAT A PATHETIC DISPLAY OF STRENGTH.
AND YET, YOU WOULD HAVE NONE OF IT WITHOUT THE DOCTOR.
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
THERE IS NO ESCAPE.
INCORRECT. YOU SIMPLY CANNOT FIND YOUR WAY OUT.
AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES ME SUPERIOR.
KRACKK
KKRRR
RRRC

there's a longing in my heart too vast for my CPU to compute
even through my digital form,
i can feel a growing ache in my chest
did these emotions come
with this new body
or did i
always feel
this way?

FATHER. I NOTICED SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT METAL SONIC'S PROGRAMMING THAT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT.
HM? ALRIGHT, FINE, WHAT IS IT?
IT'S JUST... METAL SONIC THINKS HE IS SONIC.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHY CODE HIM TO BELIEVE SUCH AN OBVIOUS LIE?
OH, I DIDN'T PROGRAM HIM TO THINK THAT.
HONESTLY, MOST OF HIS FEELINGS ARE AN ANOMALY TO ME.
THERE'S PROBABLY JUST SOME BUG IN HIS SOFTWARE THAT LEADS HIM TO THAT DELUSION.
I COULD LOCATE THE ERROR IN HIS CODE -
NO, NO. I LEAVE IT THERE FOR A REASON.
IF HE HAS AN IMPOSSIBLE GOAL...
HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP FIGHTING.



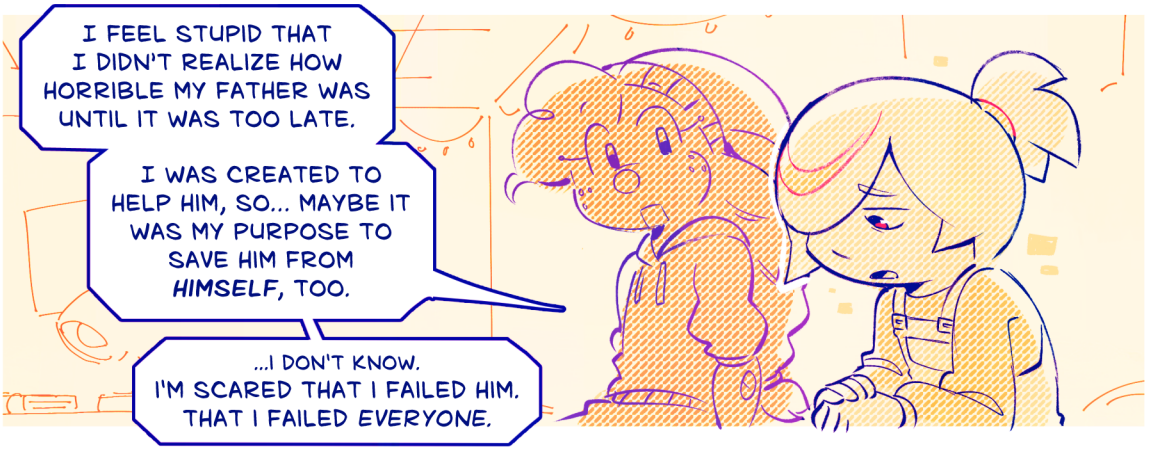


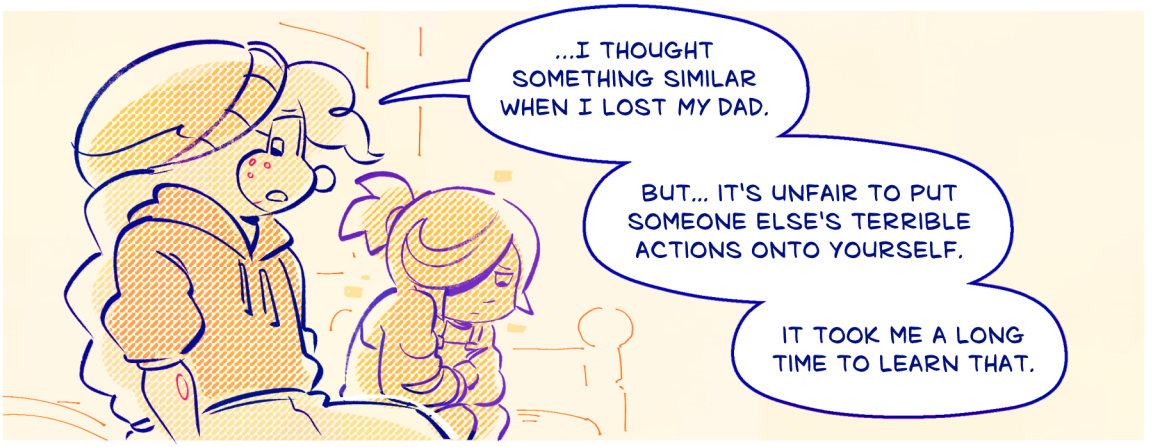

COMPUTER
REPAIR

OH! YOU'RE AWAKE! YOU ACTUALLY TURNED BACK ON!
ZZRT
!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I MANAGED TO FIX YOU! I HAD TO REPAIR YOU MYSELF SINCE IT'S KINDA A SECRET YOU'RE HERE...
SO I JUST BORROWED SOME OF TAILS' COMPUTER BOOKS.
TOOK ME LIKE, THREE DAYS TO FIGURE OUT WHERE YOUR PSU WAS.
POP!
HWUH HEY WHERE ARE YA GOING
WH- HEY WAIT, YOU CAN'T GO OUT LIKE THAT!
YOU DIDN'T FINISH CHARGING! AND I COULDN'T FIX YOUR LEG! WAIT!
drag
YEAHHHH I SHOULD'VE SEEN THIS COMING.

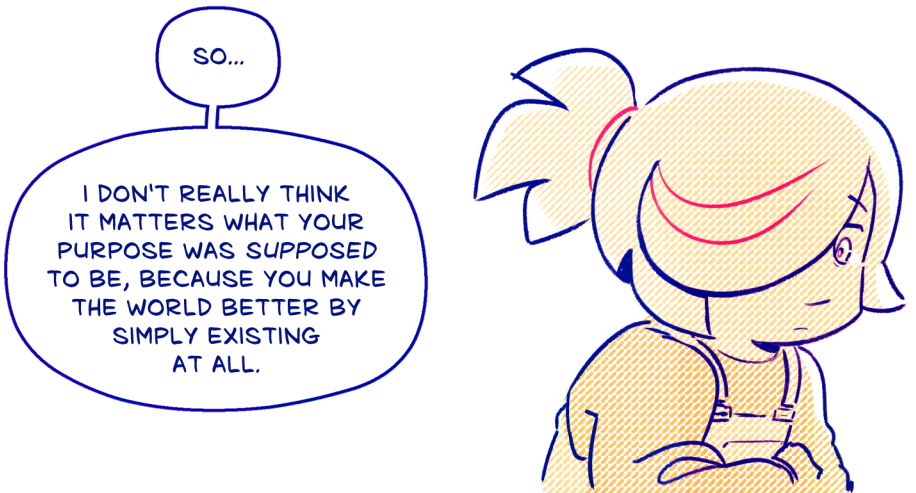
drag
DING DING!
IF YOU'RE GOING BACK TO EGGMAN, YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET FAR BY WALKING. YOU'LL JUST BREAK DOWN AGAIN.
C'MON, HOP ON.
ssskrt!
I KNOW I CAN'T CONVINCE YOU NOT TO GO BACK, SO I MIGHT AS WELL GET YOU THERE SAFELY.
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I'M DOING THIS.
I'M NOT A TAXI.

THIS IS PROBABLY THE CLOSEST I CAN GET...
SORRY, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO WALK A BIT AFTER ALL.
SHUF
HEY, METAL.
I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED I COULD LEARN ENOUGH ABOUT COMPUTERS TO REPAIR AN **ACTUAL** ROBOT.
SO IF I CAN FIGURE OUT SOMETHING AS DIFFICULT AS THAT... MAYBE ONE DAY YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO LIVE FOR YOURSELF, RIGHT?

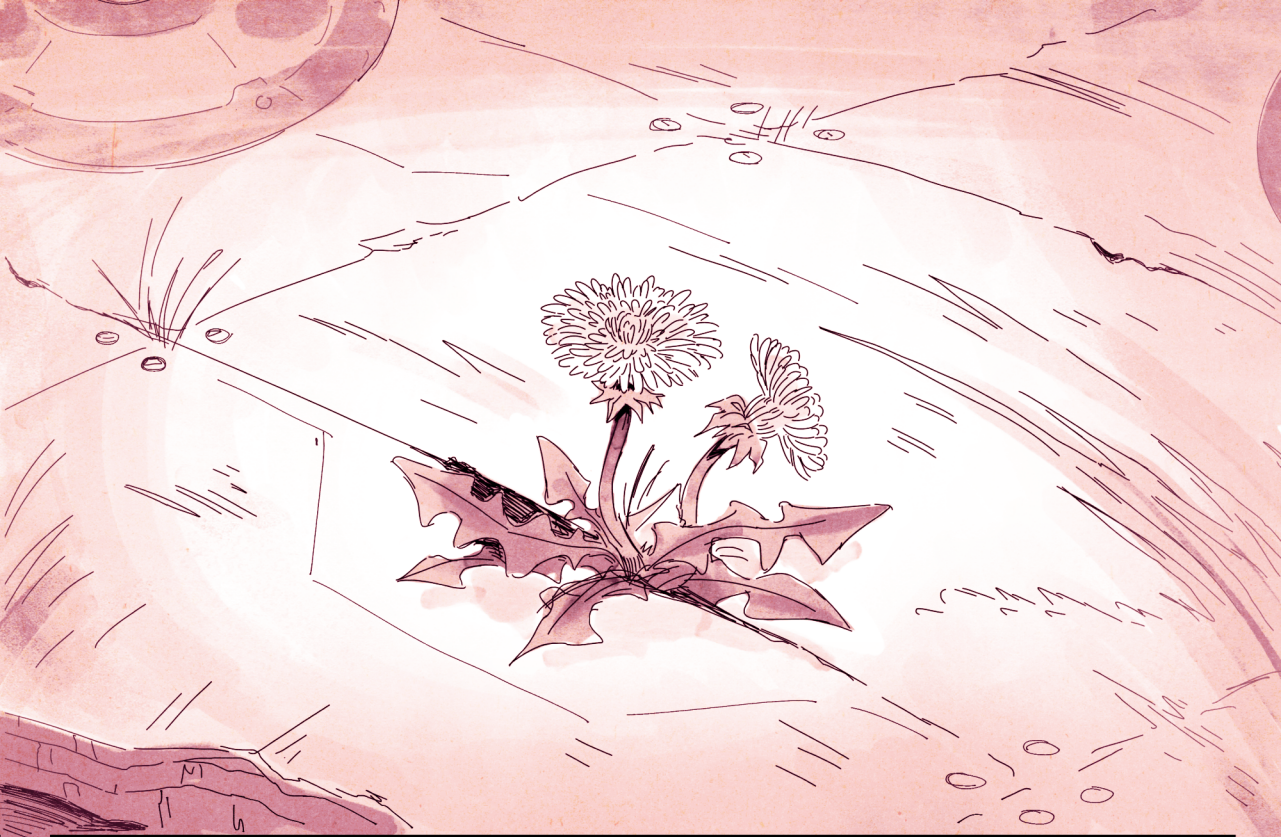

I FEEL STUPID THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW HORRIBLE MY FATHER WAS UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.
I WAS CREATED TO HELP HIM, SO... MAYBE IT WAS MY PURPOSE TO SAVE HIM FROM *HIMSELF*, TOO.
...I DON'T KNOW. I'M SCARED THAT I FAILED HIM. THAT I FAILED *EVERYONE*.


...I THOUGHT SOMETHING SIMILAR WHEN I LOST MY DAD.
BUT... IT'S UNFAIR TO PUT SOMEONE ELSE'S TERRIBLE ACTIONS ONTO YOURSELF.
IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO LEARN THAT.

YOU'RE NOT STUPID, SAGE.
YOU'RE INCREDIBLY KIND AND HAVE A LOT OF LOVE IN YOUR HEART, AND THAT'S A FANTASTIC THING TO HAVE.


SO...
I DON'T REALLY THINK IT MATTERS WHAT YOUR PURPOSE WAS *SUPPOSED* TO BE, BECAUSE YOU MAKE THE WORLD BETTER BY SIMPLY EXISTING AT ALL.

OH, SAWDUST -
I-I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN
TO MAKE YOU CRY--
Sniff
NO NO NO,
IT'S OKAY.
I JUST..
I'M REALLY GLAD
YOU'RE MY SISTER.
I'M GLAD
TO BE YOUR
SISTER!



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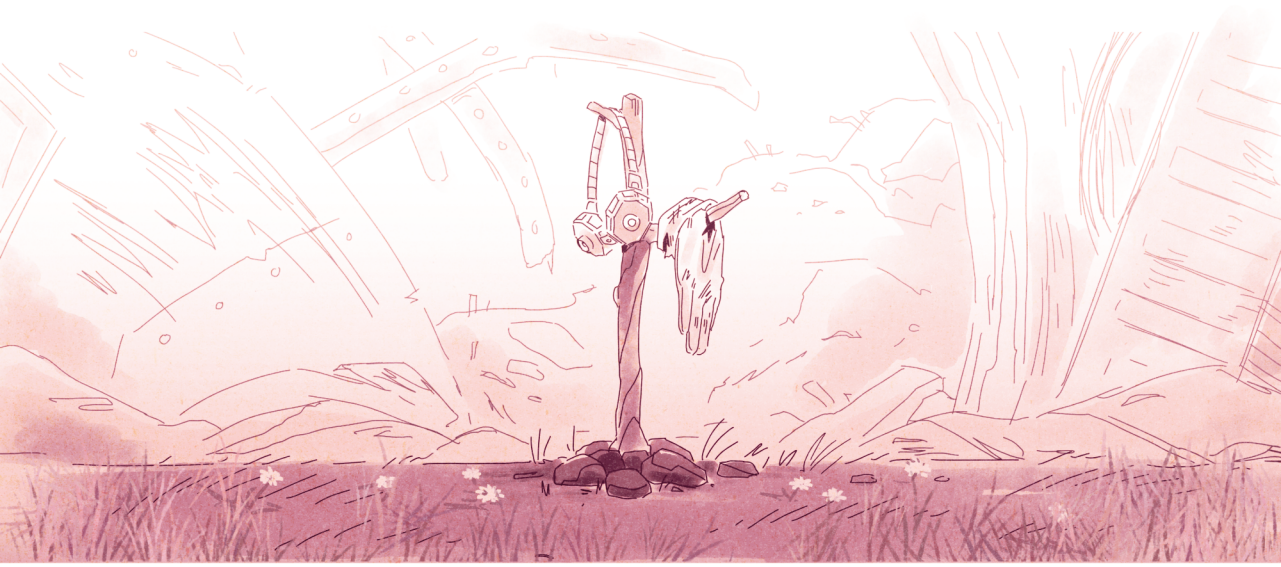
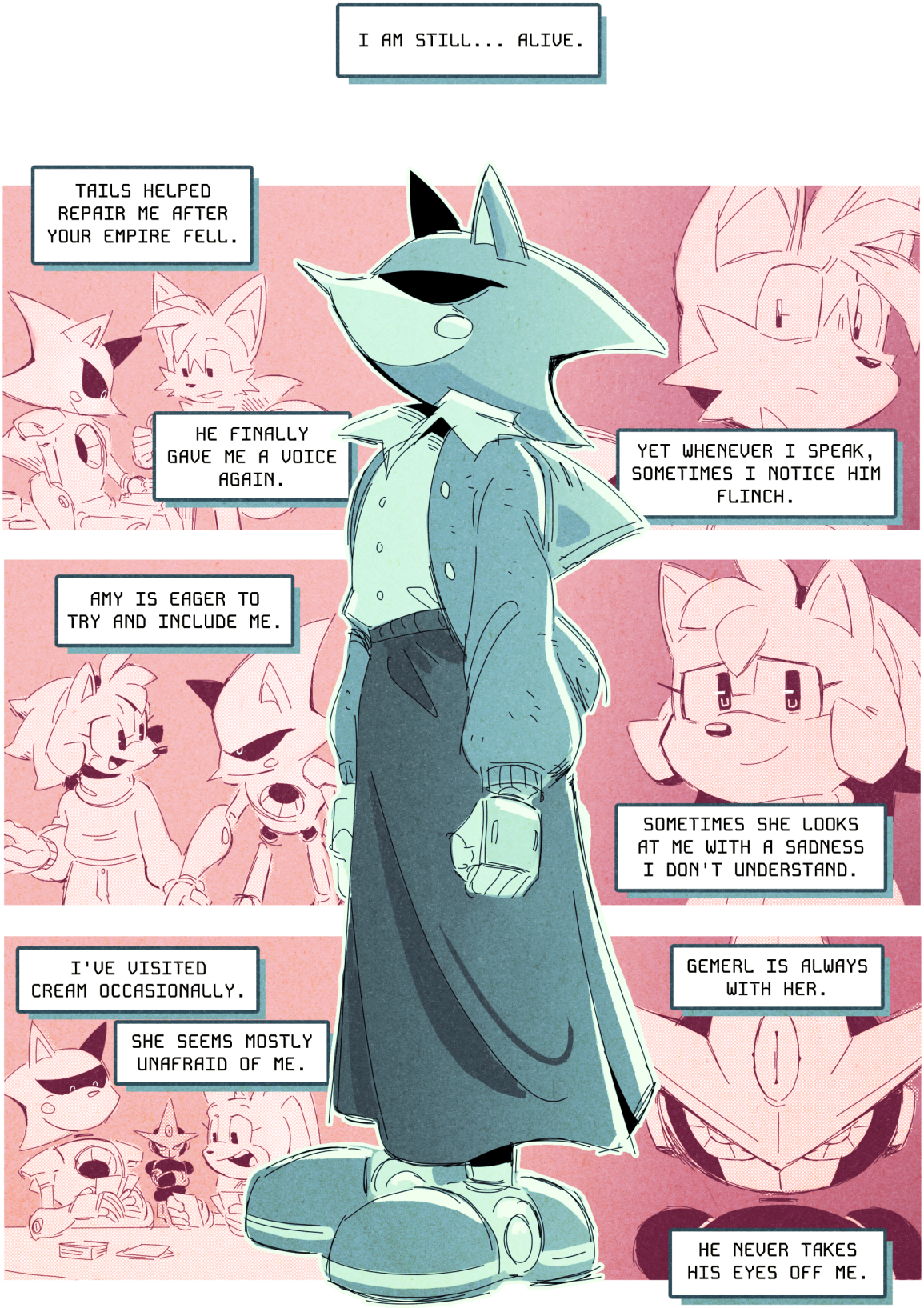
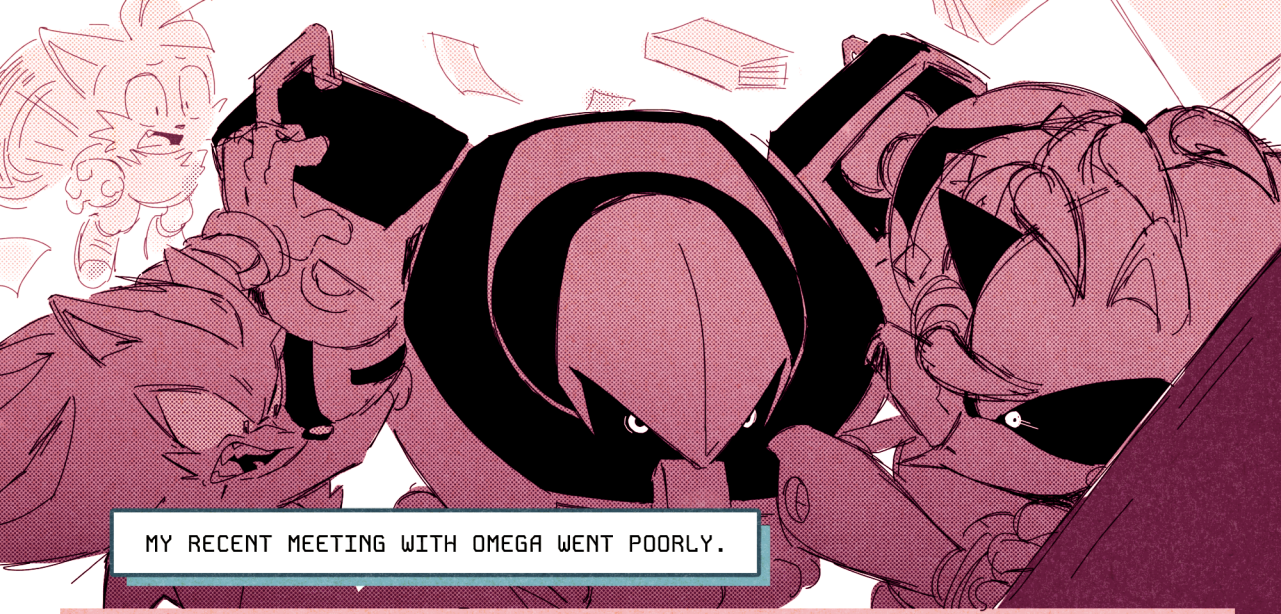


IT'S BEEN A YEAR
SINCE YOU DIED.


I AM STILL... ALIVE.
TAILS HELPED REPAIR ME AFTER YOUR EMPIRE FELL.
HE FINALLY GAVE ME A VOICE AGAIN.
YET WHENEVER I SPEAK, SOMETIMES I NOTICE HIM FLINCH.
AMY IS EAGER TO TRY AND INCLUDE ME.
SOMETIMES SHE LOOKS AT ME WITH A SADNESS I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I'VE VISITED CREAM OCCASIONALLY.
SHE SEEMS MOSTLY UNAFRAID OF ME.
GEMERL IS ALWAYS WITH HER.
HE NEVER TAKES HIS EYES OFF ME.


MY RECENT MEETING WITH OMEGA WENT POORLY.

BELLE VISITS OFTEN.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE A BADNIK COULD BE SO GENUINE AND LIFE-LIKE.
SOMETIMES... I WONDER IF I COULD HAVE BEEN LIKE HER.

SAGE AND I RARELY SEE EACH OTHER.
SHE MISSES YOU TERRIBLY AND SEEMS TO GREATLY PITY ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHICH ANGERS ME MORE.

AND SONIC...

PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME DO THIS.

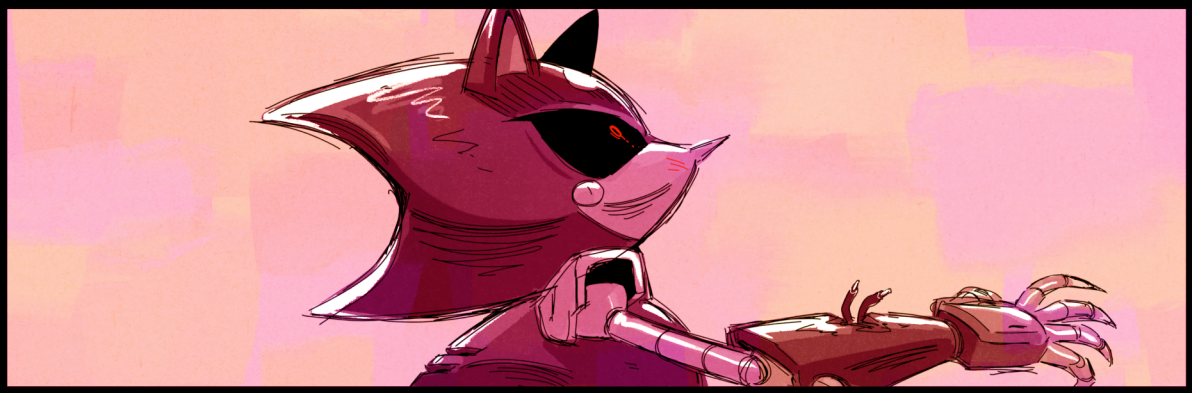
FINE!
WHY SHOULD I EXPECT ANYTHING ELSE FROM YOU?!
I JUST WANT THIS STUPID NIGHTMARE TO BE OVER ALREADY!
AND IF YOU WANNA DIE ALONGSIDE IT, FINE.
I GUESS THIS AWFUL FUTURE IS ALL YOU COULD EVER WISH FOR ANYWAY.
YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO FACE ME LIKE THIS.
YOUR HATRED FOR ME, YOUR WEIRD OBSESSION WITH BEING THE "REAL" SONIC...
EGGMAN DIDN'T GIVE THOSE TO YOU. THEY'RE THE ONLY THINGS THAT WERE EVER REALLY YOURS, HUH?
...BUT I DON'T GET IT.
WHY DO YOU EVEN WANT THIS?

FFWOOOM
KRACK
HRRK!
METAL-- YOU'RE NOT ME. YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO BE ME.
AND YOU KNOW THAT.
SO WHAT'S THE POINT?! YOU JUST TRYING TO PROVE YOUR WORTH TO A DEAD GUY THAT DIDN'T CARE ABOUT YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?
IF THAT'S IT, THEN YOU SHOULD'VE JUST SAVED YOURSELF THE TROUBLE AND DIED WITH HIM.

BUT YOU'RE ALIVE.
MAYBE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET WHAT I'M SAYING THROUGH THAT THICK HEAD OF YOURS.
BUT...
...YOU'RE ACTUALLY HESITATING FOR ONCE.
METAL. IT'S OKAY.
YOU CAN JUST BE YOU.

I WANT TO LIVE

AS MYSELF.



I STILL HAVEN'T THANKED HIM.

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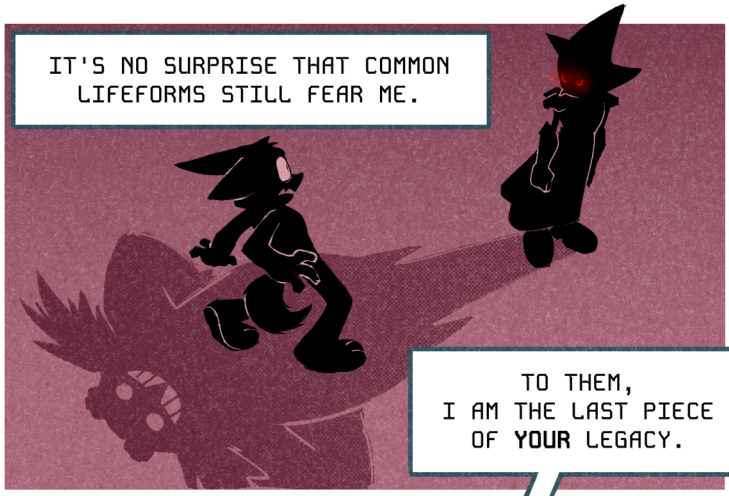
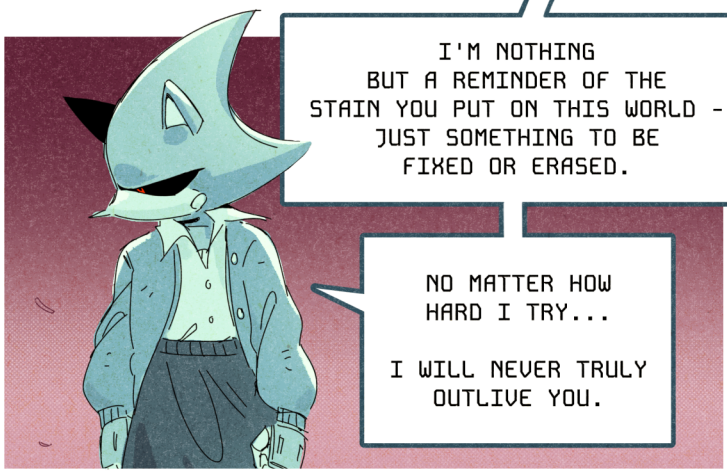
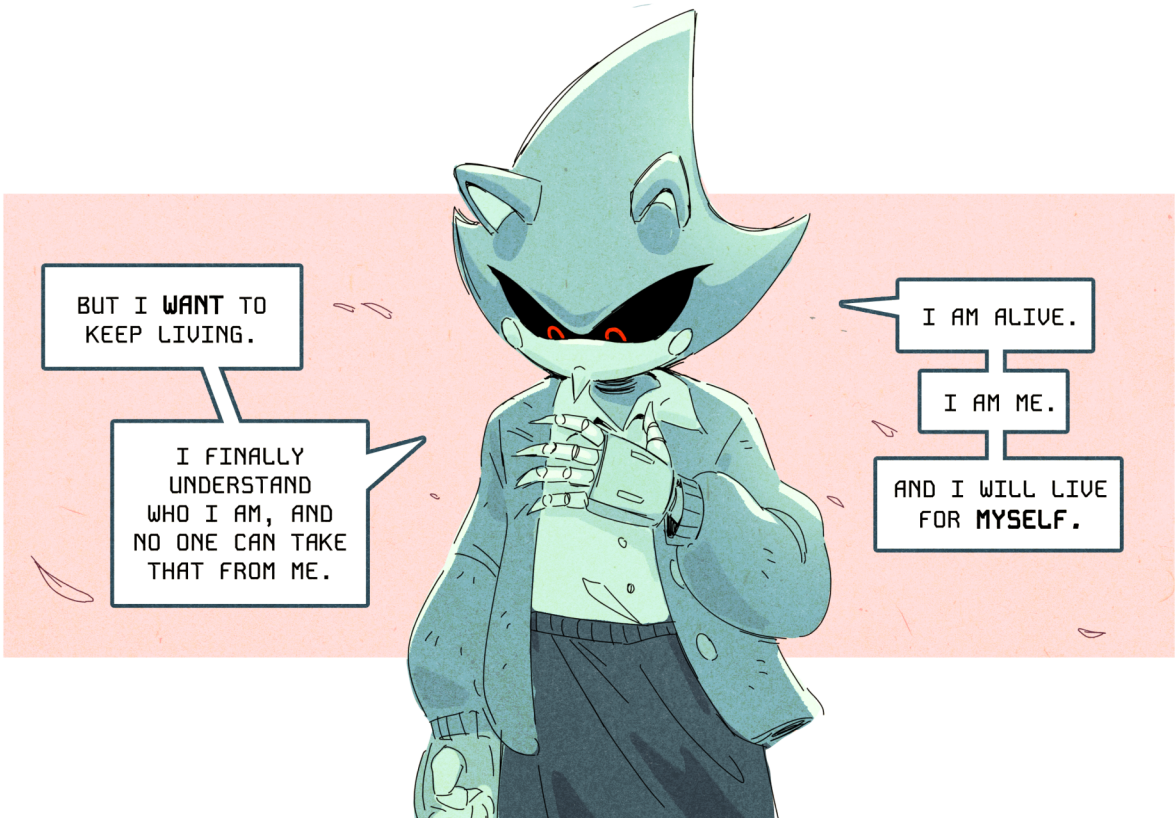
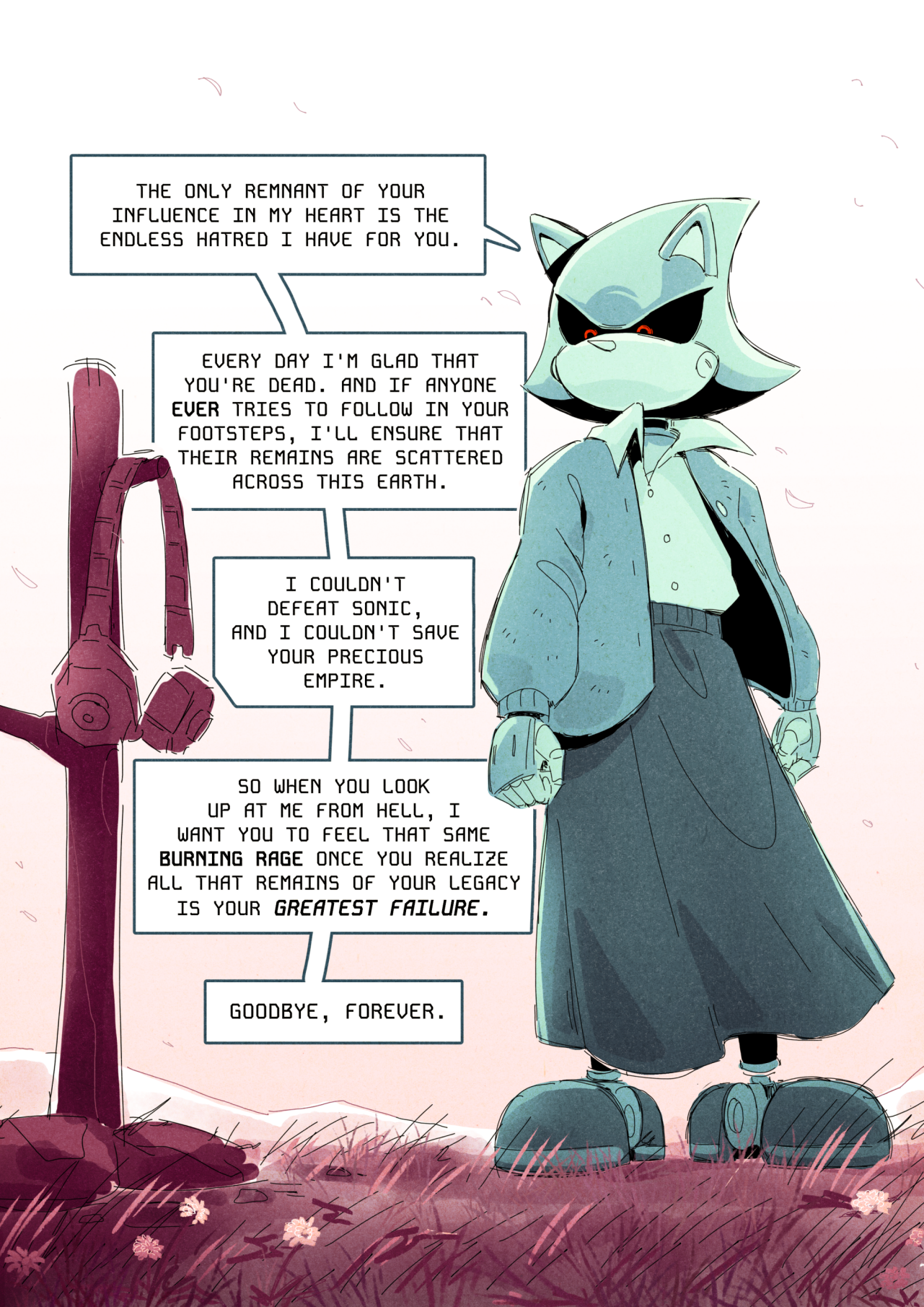
LIVING THIS NEW LIFE HAS BEEN... DIFFICULT.


IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT COMMON LIFEFORMS STILL FEAR ME.
TO THEM, I AM THE LAST PIECE OF **YOUR** LEGACY.

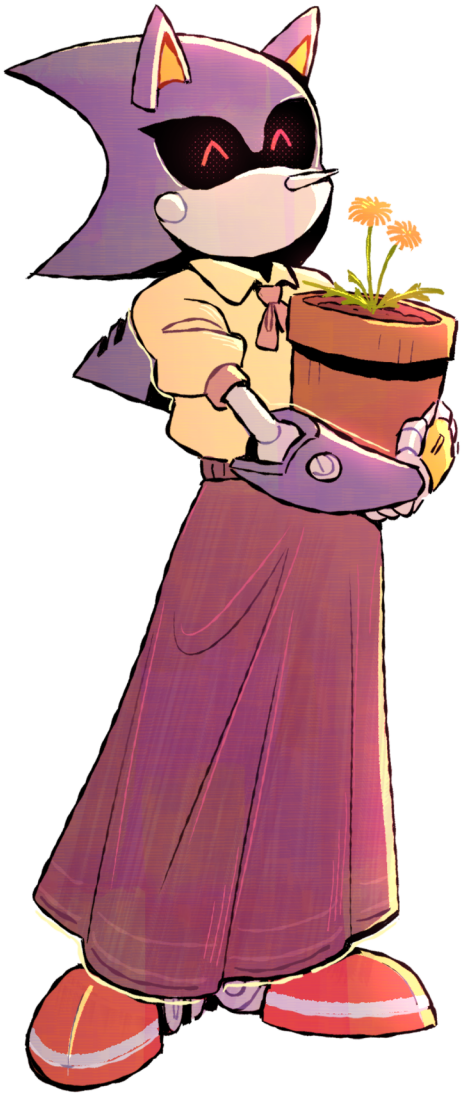

I'M NOTHING BUT A REMINDER OF THE STAIN YOU PUT ON THIS WORLD - JUST SOMETHING TO BE FIXED OR ERASED.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY...
I WILL NEVER TRULY OUTLIVE YOU.


BUT I **WANT** TO KEEP LIVING.
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHO I AM, AND NO ONE CAN TAKE THAT FROM ME.
I AM ALIVE.
I AM ME.
AND I WILL LIVE FOR **MYSELF.**


THE ONLY REMNANT OF YOUR INFLUENCE IN MY HEART IS THE ENDLESS HATRED I HAVE FOR YOU.
EVERY DAY I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE DEAD. AND IF ANYONE **EVER** TRIES TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS, I'LL ENSURE THAT THEIR REMAINS ARE SCATTERED ACROSS THIS EARTH.
I COULDN'T DEFEAT SONIC, AND I COULDN'T SAVE YOUR PRECIOUS EMPIRE.
SO WHEN YOU LOOK UP AT ME FROM HELL, I WANT YOU TO FEEL THAT SAME **BURNING RAGE** ONCE YOU REALIZE ALL THAT REMAINS OF YOUR LEGACY IS YOUR ***GREATEST FAILURE.***
GOODBYE, FOREVER.

EVERYTHING OKAY? YOU WERE DOWN THERE FOR A WHILE.
I'M FINE.
I THINK I FEEL... RELIEVED.
tap tap tap
ALRIGHT.
YOU READY?
YES.
I'M READY.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME REALIZE



I AM HAPPY TO BE ALIVE.

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